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Communist rockets hit Phnom Penh airport over the weekend, but there were few casualties and little damage.

Skirmishing continues northwest of the provincial capital of Svey Rieng; the government lost three small outposts in the area but casualties have been light.

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the downing of a Cambodian Air Force transport by an SA-7 surface-to-air missile, suggest that the Khmer Communists are receiving some help from Vietnamese Communist units near Svey Rieng--probably elements of the Viet Cong 5th Infantry Division.

Elsewhere, government forces reopened Route 5 between Battambang and Kompong Chhnang which had been closed since

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October 8. Insurgent forces are still in the area and periodic skirmishes are likely to continue.